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14 December

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Mr. Gates Lloyd,  
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,  
Mr. Abbot Smith, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted his intention of meeting with Ambassador Bohlen sometime after the first of the year to discuss the organization of State and CIA activities directed toward the USSR. The Director noted he had received a memorandum of the Agency's current setup in this regard and he would decide later who from CIA should be present for this meeting.

b. Briefly reported on his trip to SAC and Vandenberg, and commented General Powers at SAC in his briefing had obviously attempted to set forth his belief that the missile gap is somewhat wider than the intelligence estimates now show. The Director also remarked that this belief on the part of SAC "somewhat shook" [REDACTED]

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With regard to SAC, the Director stated it might be useful for CIA to have a permanent liaison officer assigned to that command for the prime purpose of keeping the Agency advised as to SAC thinking. He said he had informally discussed this with General Walsh; however, before any final action is taken, the matter should be raised again with him, and made clear that it is not our intention to cut out Air Force Intelligence in our dealings with SAC. Action: DD/I

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e. Asked Mr. Bissell to send a report to General Goodpaster for the President, giving the more important details of the results of a recent sensitive operation conducted [redacted]

Note: A copy of this message is to be sent to [redacted] for Secretary

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MR. BISSELL:

Raised the question of staffing on the Saturdays after Christmas and New Year's, and was advised that these days would be treated as regular Saturdays. The Director commented certainly there was no objection to permitting as many employees as possible to take advantage of the three-day holiday.



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